

To Whom It May Concern:

XM Radio is a service provided to listeners who provide XM a monthly fee. We as listeners have the right to listen to whatever we want. This includes stations like ?Instant Traffic and Weather?. The keyword here is ?instant? We as travelers rely on XM?s accurate and up to date information that cannot be provided by local news stations. For example? A regular station says ?We?ll tell you about a travel trouble coming up after the break.? Where as with XM we can hear it now and hopefully make the right decision on how to avoid and furthermore alleviate congestion. What about an accident that just happened? We need to be warned about the approaching danger. With regular stations we have to wait for ?traffic on the 8?s? or whatever. XM provides this information NOW so that we can be alert to the danger ahead. This service may even SAVE LIVES!!

Another example? There was a condo fire in a small town in the far South suburbs of Chicago (This area is not typically covered by news stations) However XM Satellite radio mentioned exactly where the fire was and what roads were affected. This was not even close to a major highway. Having good information like this is critical.

We as a people have the right to choose what we listen to. I feel the government should spend more time on bigger issues like fighting terrorism and fighting crimes than trying to ban a already established great traffic and weather source PAID FOR BY THE LISTENERS!!.

A move to eliminate this source or any other like it will not be viewed well in the eyes of the public. It all comes down to politics and who has more money, doesn?t it. Do the right thing and make the right choice, do not tamper with XM.

Thank you for your time.